

Education; Beth Friday, widow of Herschel Friday, former chairman of the board, Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce; former Senator George J. Mitchell, who chaired the multiparty talks in Northern Ireland; Alan Sugg, president, University of Arkansas; and Skip Rutherford, executive vice president and director of public policy, Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods. Prior to his remarks, the President received the Herschel H. Friday Award.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **December 6**

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended the Congressional Ball in the Map Room at the White House.

The President declared an emergency in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by fire on December 3 and continuing.

#### **December 7**

The President announced his intention to appoint Deborah E. Lipstadt and Sidney R. Yates to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

#### **December 8**

In the morning, the President met with President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine in the Oval Office.

The President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel and Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority on the Middle East peace process.

#### **December 9**

In the morning, the President met in the Oval Office with representatives of various civil rights organizations, communications industries, and foundations to discuss efforts to narrow the digital divide.

Later, the President traveled to Worcester, MA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victoria McCammon Murphy to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Stuart E. Weisberg as a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to recess appoint Janie L. Jeffers and Marie F. Ragghianti as Commissioners of the U.S. Parole Commission.

#### **December 10**

In the morning, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR. Later, he traveled to West Memphis, AR, where in the afternoon he spoke to the community. Later, the President participated in a dedication ceremony for Earle High School in Earle, AR.

In the evening, the President traveled to Orlando, FL.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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#### **Released December 6**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing the "Ask the White House" Internet service

Fact sheet: Human Rights Day 1999 and Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award

Fact sheet: Taliban Persecution of Women and Girls in Afghanistan